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SOLDEK Class Colliers

- About 20 of these vessels have so far been constructed in Polish yards; five have been retained by Poland, and the balance have been sent to the USSR.

DONBAS Class Colliers

- Twelve of these vessels are under construction in Polish yards, all of which are destined for the USSR. The ships are to be equipped with reciprocating steam engines built in the USSR. These colliers of the DONBAS class are actually under construction this year. They are between 5,000 and 6,000 tons.

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- There are also four trawlers being built in this yard.

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- Five of these ships have been built in Poland, equipped with diesel engines

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REDUNIA Class Trawlers

- A number of these ships have been completed and are in service, three in Poland, and the balance, an unspecified number, have been supplied to the USSR. These ships are equipped with reciprocating steam engines built in Poland by Huta Zgoda. The engines are of the German Lentz type. The boilers for the steam engines are built at Gdansk shipyard.

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The boiler tubes are supplied by Czechoslovakia.

10,000 ton Cargo Ships

- Four of these vessels are nearing completion in Polish yards. They are equipped with diesel engines made by Fiat.
- It is most unlikely that any Iron Curtain engines are available for Poland. Considerable difficulty is experienced in obtaining engines for new ships, and these are imported from abroad. Only a somewhat out-of-date type of

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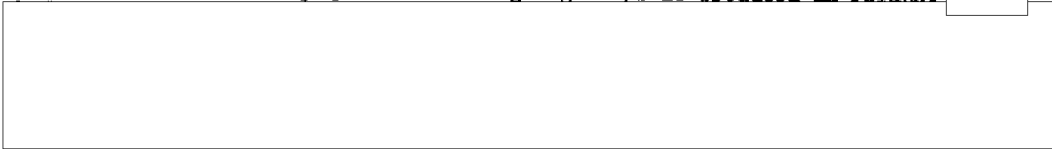
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reciprocating steam engine is built in Poland, and these engines give a great deal of trouble.

8. Conversations have been going on regarding the building of diesel engines in Czechoslovakia, but the project has been abandoned. No Soviet-built engines are used in Polish ships.
9. Polish-built ships of the NYSA class have an unusually large free space on the after deck, which it is thought may be intended for the installation of guns and other military equipment.¹ 25X1
10. No radar or wireless equipment for sea-going ships is produced in Poland. 25X1



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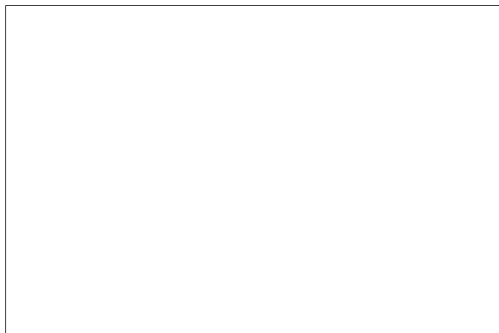
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1. [redacted] the S.S. KIELCE was allegedly equipped with a secret compartment between decks. 25X1

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